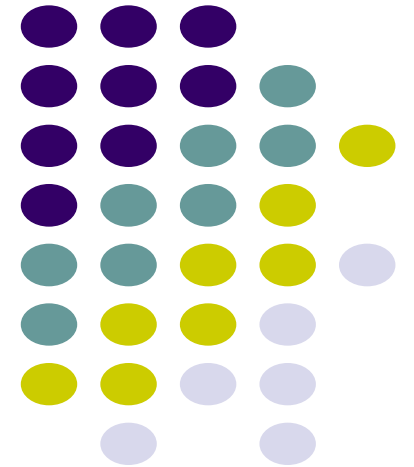


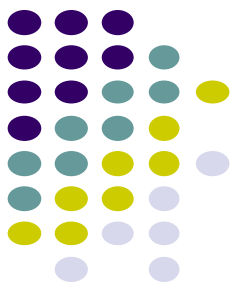
Human rights and health care: Making services accessible for LGBT people

Crossing Borders: multi-disciplinary research
in health and social care

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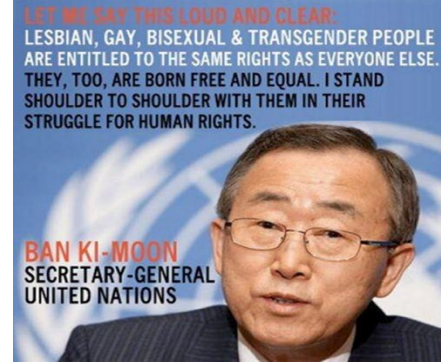
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Health as a human right

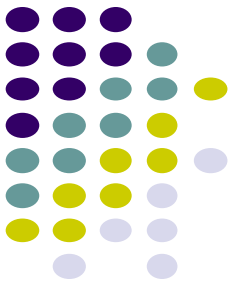
- The right to health is not the right to be healthy, but the right to social conditions favourable to health (protocol 25);
- Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.
World Health Organisation 1948;
- Arguably, services to promote health include hospitals, but also LA social care, mental health and voluntary sector orgs.



Born Free and Equal – UN 2012

1. **Protect individuals from homophobic and transphobic violence;**
2. **Prevent torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment;**
3. **Repeal laws criminalizing homosexuality;**
4. **Prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in employment, education & health care;**
5. **Safeguard freedom of association and peaceful assembly for all LGBT people (United Nations, 2012).**

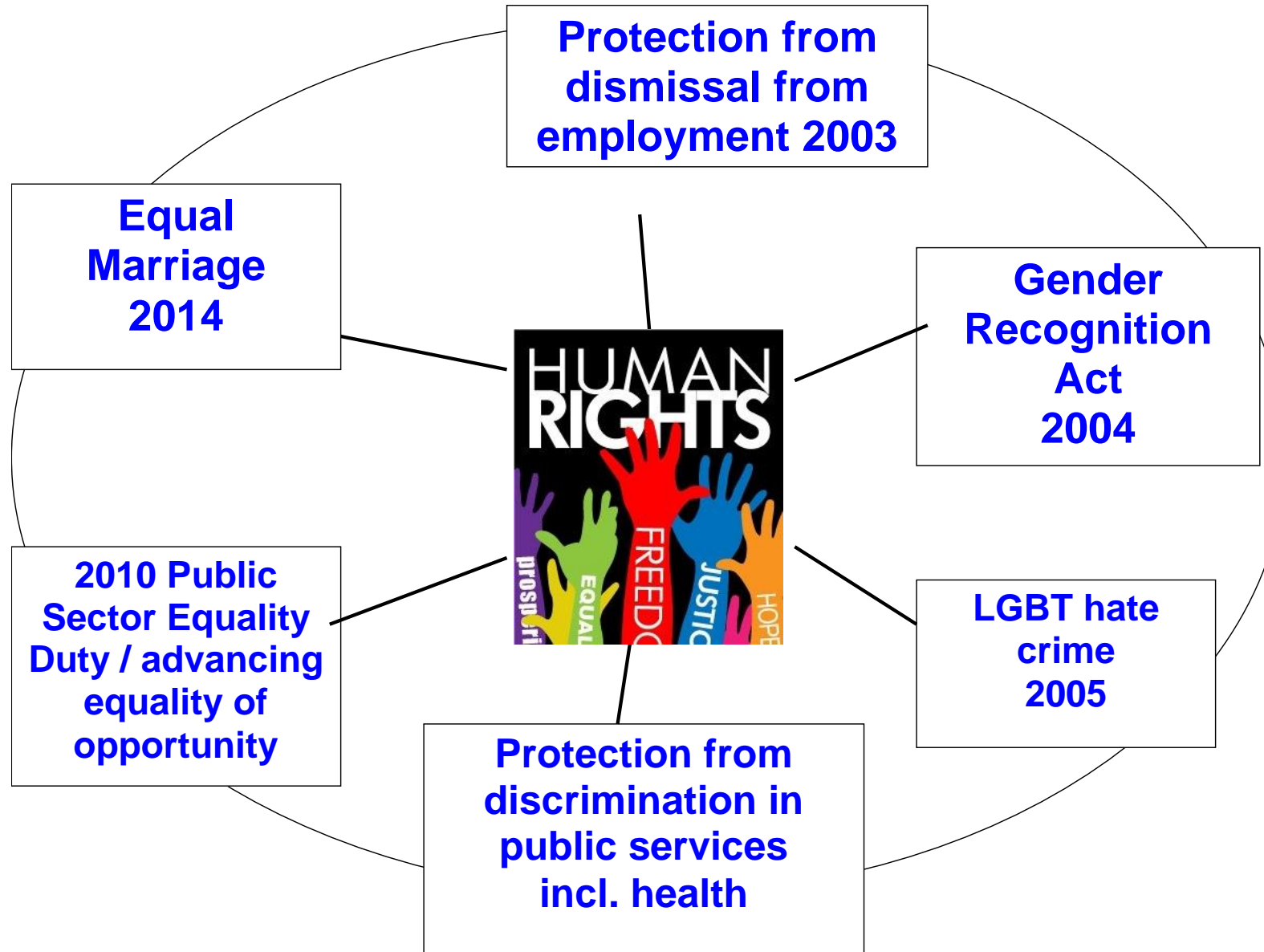
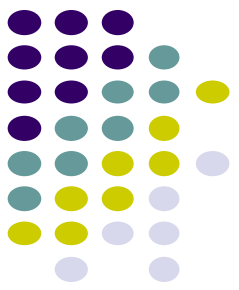
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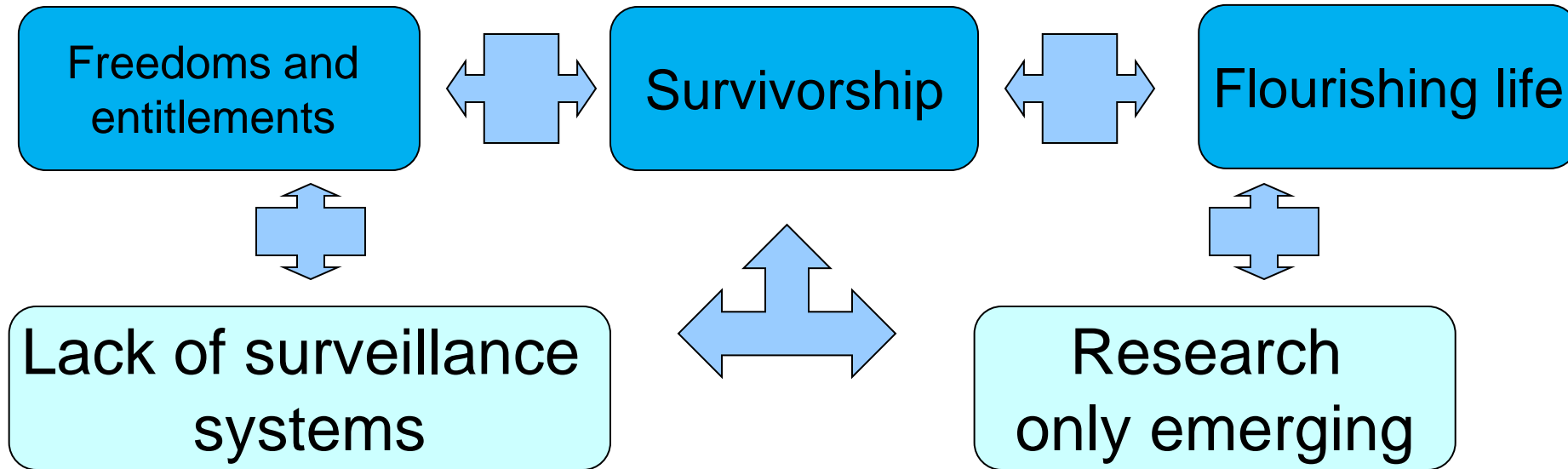
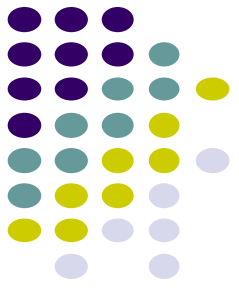
Russell Banks and his friend Robert Laszewsk were set on fire as they sat in a pub beer garden in Leicester.



Civil and political rights of LGBT people in the UK



LGBT HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS



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Acceptability

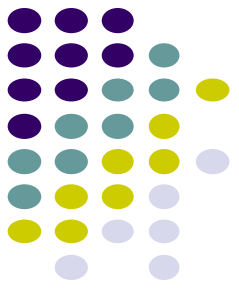
Quality

Participation

**Equality and
non-disc**

Accountability

Prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity ~ 4



Doctors never talked
in front of patient as if
they were not there

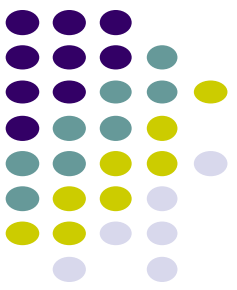
Always treated with
respect and dignity
by hospital staff

Never felt treated
as a set of cancer
symptoms rather
than as a whole
person

*Hospital staff
always did
everything they
could to control
their pain*

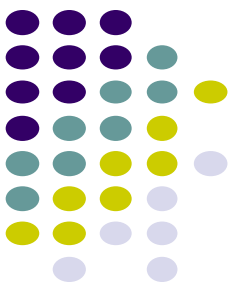
Patient was given information about
support / self help groups for people
with their health condition

Differences on 15 domains
where LGB people
reported less favourable
treatment



Steering group

- 5 LB women with breast cancer
- Head of Policy and Research, Breast Cancer Care.
- User inclusion manager, Macmillan.
- Public relations officer, Cancer Research UK
- Clinical projects manager, Metro centre, London.
- Development worker, Kairos (centre for health/well being).
- Academic, UCL.
- Nurse specialist, London regional cancer network
- NHS South West, Equality and Diversity Lead



User participation in health research

- Designing study
- Recruitment of research participants
- Analysis of findings and write up of research report
- Research dissemination
- Using the findings to make changes to service delivery



Coming Out About Breast Cancer

Research on lesbian and bisexual women's experiences of breast cancer

Lesbian and bisexual women and breast cancer

ESRC knowledge exchange programme RES-192-22-0111



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Lesbian and bisexual women and breast cancer

As part of our health inequalities work we published a policy briefing highlighting the experiences of lesbian and bisexual women affected by breast cancer. Research has shown that they have poorer levels of patient experience (due in large part to discrimination), less specialist services available, and little data collected about them as a patient group.

We hope our briefing document will be useful to:


- policymakers concerned with ensuring health and social care is responsive to all, regardless of sexuality (or other differences)
- healthcare professionals working to provide the best possible care for their patients
- cancer charities and other groups providing services to women affected by breast cancer, including those who are lesbian and bisexual
- LGBT community and voluntary groups concerned with health issues in their communities.

Our recommendations are aimed at improving services. We hope they will be useful to all groups wanting to take action on this issue.

Download a copy of our report below:

Lesbian and bisexual women and breast cancer report (PDF)


Spotlight campaign



Improve care for patients with secondary breast cancer

Get involved

All our services

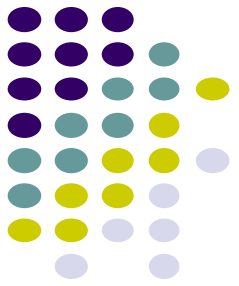


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Promoting QOL for LGBT people with cancer



Breast Cancer Care

- Macmillan — seminar for cancer professionals
- Practice guidance

<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/my-esrc/grants/RES-192-22-0111/read>

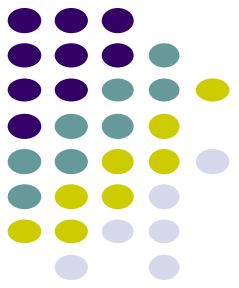


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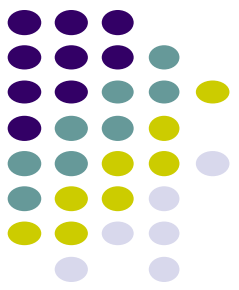
**Knowledge exchange
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What would cancer equality look like for LGBT people?



- Services would routinely consider LGBT people as a population of concern.
- Equality and diversity policy statements would specifically include LGBT people.
- Language used to describe LGBT people would not pathologise them.
- Data collection would routinely include sexual orientation and gender identity.
- Inclusion of LGBT people within health inequalities initiatives.

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